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MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF GEODESY AND CARTOGRAPHY
NOW UNDER THE MVD USSR

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

Indications of an apparent shift of the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography from the Council of Ministers USSR to the Ministry of Internal Affairs USSR have appeared in the Soviet daily press.

In 1939 - 1941, this administration was responsible for the coordination of all topographic-geodetic, aerial survey, and gravimetric work done in the USSR, and for the compilation and publication of general and specialized topographic, political, administrative, physico-geographic, economic, and educational maps, the Great Soviet World Atlas, and other atlases. It was also responsible for the training of cadres for topographic, geodetic, aerial survey, gravimetric, and cartographic work. (See OO-W-21450 on the structure and functions of the main administration as given in Sobraniye Postanovleniy i Rasporyazheniy Pravitel'stva SSSR /Collection of Decrees and Regulations of the Government of the USSR/ for 1939 - 1941.)

Notices which appeared in Soviet newspapers during June 1953, announcing the acceptance of applications for enrollment in the Tashkent Topographic Tekhnikum (1) and the Tbilisi Topographic Tekhnikum (2), listed the tekhnikums as subordinate to the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography of the Ministry of Internal Affairs USSR.

The 1952 notice for the Tashkent Topographic Tekhnikum, which trains topographic technicians in a 3-year, 9-month course, had listed the tekhnikum as being under the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography of the Council of Ministers USSR.(3) The Tbilisi Topographic Tekhnikum, which trains technicians for the construction of roads and bridges, as well as topographic technicians, had been listed also as being under the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography of the Council of Ministers USSR in 1951.(4)

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Similarly, the June 1953 notice announcing the enrollment of students in a 10-month course for geodetic technicians offered by the Central Asiatic Aerogeodetic Enterprise listed the enterprise as under the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography of the Ministry of Internal Affairs USSR. (5) In both its 1952 (6) and its 1951 (7) notices the enterprise had been listed as under the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography of the Council of Ministers USSR.

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